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AUTO RACERS KILLED AT CORONA

"Wild Bob" Burman Mortally Injured, and His Mechanician and a Policeman Killed During Big Racing Event

Corona, Cal., April 8.—"Wild Bob" Burman was mortally injured and his mechanician, Schrader, and Policeman Speer were killed when Burman's car threw a tire and skidded on the 97th lap while running a hundred miles an hour in the 300-mile road race here today. Fifteen spectators were injured, several of whom may die. Burman's death is expected momentarily, as he had many bones broken, his skull was fractured and he was injured internally. O'Donnell won the race in 3:29:52, with Thomas second and Pullen third. O'Donnell's average was 86.6 miles per hour, slightly slower than last year. Bad luck followed Burman throughout, he being forced many times into the pit. Despite the delays, however, he was fourth when the accident occurred.

NICARAGUAN SENATE ADOPTS U. S. TREATY

Washington, April 8.—The Nicaraguan senate today unanimously adopted the \$2,000,000 treaty with the United States, according to a cable from the American minister there. The house will cast its final vote on the treaty next week.

BURNING COAL OIL ILLUMINATES SKY

New York, April 8.—Fire which started in the Texas Oil company's scurraged iron pier at Bayonne N. J., early today resulted in one of the most spectacular conflagrations ever seen here.

Kegs of oil, tin cans filled with gasoline and several hundred barrels of kerosene exploded in rapid succession like a string of bombs while flaming containers streaked across the sky. The falling debris narrowly missed igniting six huge oil tanks.

The intense heat burst cans of kerosene on a barge moored to the wharf. Burning oil spread over the bay nearly to Staten Island. The water was a mass of fire. Thousands witnessed the spectacle. City fire boats cruised close to the flames but were unable to check them. The loss was estimated at \$275,000.

FIND THE SKELETONS OF TWENTY INDIANS

Oregon City, April 8.—The skeletons of 20 Indians were on exhibition here today and Oregon historians are trying to figure out the details of the battle in which they were killed. Workmen excavating for a basement near the bank of the Willamette river, found the bones. A skull which was discovered first, is believed from the trappings dug out of the dirt nearby, to be that of a chief. The other bones, some of them badly decayed, were found in a heap, where the victorious tribesmen evidently had dumped them.

Arrowheads were found in great number, some of them imbedded between bodies. The warriors' heads were all together, their feet pointing outward from the center like the spokes of a wheel. Over the bones was a crust of hard, baked clay.

SEND MODIFIED PROTOCOL TO PRES. CARRANZA

Washington, April 8.—Secretary Lansing today sent to General Carranza the modified protocol under the terms of which further American operations in Mexico will be conducted. It agrees with Carranza's suggestions for a limitation of the expedition's field of operations, but does not accept his suggestions for a time limit nor for restrictions on the number of United States troops which may be sent across the border.

Carranza's proposed conditions were based on Indian raids. It is understood that Lansing held the present circumstances were different and that the proposed limitations would hamper the expedition.

TRIS SPEAKER GOES TO CLEVELAND AMERICANS

Cleveland, April 8.—The Cleveland Americans have purchased Tris Speaker, according to Robert McRoy, secretary of the club, today.

It was said Cleveland paid \$50,000 for Speaker, the highest sum ever turned over for a ball player. The Red Sox may be given other players as additional payment.

WILSON AWAITS KAISER'S REPLY

Washington, April 8.—Officialdom today awaited Germany's preliminary reply to this government's inquiry regarding recent submarine attacks on vessels of her enemies carrying Americans. It was believed that this answer would decide whether diplomatic relations between the United States and the kaiser should be broken.

No hint of the document's contents has arrived. It was handed to Ambassador Gerard yesterday by Foreign Minister von Jagow. The state department's only word that the note has been given Gerard was received from the United Press.

President Wilson is absent on a week-end trip. Gerard's despatch is not expected here before late this afternoon. Possibly it will not arrive before tomorrow. No action is looked for until Monday.

It was learned that at a cabinet meeting yesterday some of the president's advisers opposed waiting any longer for promises and assurances from Germany. They asserted that Germany is continuing its submarine activities despite assurances already given.

They believe diplomatic relations should be promptly severed. Other cabinet members thought Germany should be given time to prove whether it was sincere in its recent avowals.

Should von Jagow's latest reply quibble, dodge the issue or attempt to force the administration's hand, officials think it probable that President Wilson will not delay longer in executing his threatened course. It has been repeatedly stated that Germany must "come through" quickly and satisfactorily or relations will not be continued.

TO CALL CLASS OF 1917 TO THE COLORS

The Hague, April 8.—A bill providing that recruits of the 1917 class may be called to the colors if the situation demands it, was introduced today by the government.

WANT 6200 HORSES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Portland, April 8.—A call for 6200 horses for the United States army went out into the Pacific northwest today. Uncle Sam wants 5,000 horses for cavalry use and 1,200 for artillery.

VILLA'S TRAIL BECOMING WARMER

Sec. of War Baker Indicates That Capture or Killing of the Bandit Is Now Only Question of Short Time

Washington, April 8.—The army aviation corps is to be reorganized and its personnel changed "by addition if not by subtraction," Secretary of War Baker told the house military committee today. It was regarded as his answer to the inquiry as to what would be the result of the war department's extended investigation of the aviation service.

Baker, in his testimony, defended the aviation corps. He said he did not favor government manufacture of aeroplanes, and urged the enlistment of civilian aviators. He also asked that \$10,000,000 be expended on aeroplane developments during the next four years.

"I am satisfied," he said, "that the war department's investigation will enable me to establish highly satisfactory contingents."

"Have you formed any opinion as to the result of your investigation?" he was asked.

"I don't care to discuss it at this time," replied Baker.

"Army aviators are men of remarkable daring," said the secretary, in defending that branch of the service. "They hold an amazing number of records for altitude and sustained flight with one or two passengers, and have accomplished other feats, including the establishment of world's records. We are going to have the additional services of Colonel George Squier, who was recalled from Europe because of his intimate knowledge of aviation. I recently organized a board of aviation. Lieutenant Milling, one of its members, is one of the best flyers in the army, if not in the United States. He has made more than 1,000 flights. Lieutenant Byron Jones, another member, is a daring flyer. These two will put the new machines through their paces."

"One of the complaints has been,"

WORK COMPLETED IN MEXICO WHEN "VILLA'S BAND IS BROKEN UP"

Washington, April 8.—The United States will regard its mission in Mexico as completed when the de facto government is able to relieve the American expedition in its undertaken task, or when "Villa's band or bands are broken up."

This became known today from the original orders which the war department gave Major General Fred Funston.

Asked whether a time limit had been placed on the American expedition's operations in Mexico, the war department today replied by revealing its official orders given General Funston at the beginning of the campaign, March 10.

In substance, they directed Funston to organize an adequate force under Brigadier General John J. Pershing and instruct him to go across the border in pursuit of Villistas who raided Columbus. The troops will be withdrawn to American territory as soon as the de facto government is able to relieve them of their work.

In any event, their work will be regarded as finished when "Villa's band or bands are broken up."

Army men said the hunt must still

REORGANIZE AVIATION CORPS

House Committee Investigates the Branch of Army Service, and War Secretary Baker Wants \$10,000,000

Washington, April 8.—"I think we are on a warm trail," said Secretary of War Baker this afternoon, discussing the chase after Francisco Villa. "I hope to have good information soon."

This was the first official utterance indicating an expectation of capturing Villa shortly.

San Antonio, April 8.—Private advices to army headquarters and local consuls' reports today stated that Francisco Villa's capture or slaying was a matter of only a few hours. The impression gained at headquarters was that important news was awaited. An air of expectancy prevailed. The Carranzists consul here believed Villa was cornered, although he admitted he had no details. Washington dispatches intimating that the administration was satisfied with the scattering of Villa's bands were not credited by army men. They insist that reinforcements point to a powerful effort to kill or capture the bandit chieftain.

said a committeeman, "that men fly under officers who can not themselves fly, and who frequently order flights made in machines which they know are unsafe."

"That is literally true," replied Baker. "But Lieutenant Milling informed me 99 out of 100 accidents were due to the aviator and not to any defect in the machine. Milling said he had seen 25 deaths of aviators and that only one was caused by a fault in the aeroplane. Our difficulties in Mexico are due to our inability to fly over mountains because of weak motors. We have developed now a compressed oxygen equipment, giving our aircraft a wider range. Army observers in Europe have been unable to obtain satisfactory reports of aeroplane developments there."

STEAMER SUSSEX IN CLASS NOT TO BE TORPEDOED

Berlin, April 8.—If the channel steamer Sussex was attacked by a German submarine, its commander violated instructions, it was unconditionally stated here today.

The English channel passenger ferry came under the protection which Ambassador von Bernstorff assured President Wilson would be given all unarmed liners, after the Arabic affair.

On the other hand, vessels involved in the four other recent submarine cases concerning which President Wilson made inquiry, were freighters.

Germany has never pledged itself to warn freighters before torpedoing them. While they continue to supply the allies with munitions of war and food, and the allies continue their starvation policy, Germany will never yield its right to destroy freighters, the United Press was reliably informed.

Washington, April 8.—Administration members said today they never doubted Germany's assurances with regard to submarine attacks included freight-carrying vessels.

A United Press dispatch from Berlin today said that German officials claimed their assurances did not include freighters and that they never promised not to attack such ships without warning. With regard to the German claim that the commander of the submarine which attacked the Sussex violated instructions, the authorities here said that such a plea would not excuse Germany.

The claiming of exemption from blame because the Englishman, Manchester Engineer and other vessels mentioned in the American inquiry were freighters injects a new issue into the submarine controversy.

BANDIT GANGS LURK IN HILLS

Columbus, N. M., April 8.—News that the American expedition had thrown up earthworks at Boca Grande and elsewhere along the communication lines, was officially confirmed today. Extensive defending works have been erected around the bases of operations.

There is still considerable anxiety with regard to bandit gangs which are known to be lurking in hills along the lines of communication. These bands have manifested no enmity, however, and they are not believed to be Villistas.

Thousands of rounds of rifle ammunition have been sent into Mexico within the past few days.

Lieutenant Colonel Tyree R. Rivers of the Thirteenth cavalry, is reported dying of pneumonia at Casas Grandes.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Portland, April 8.—Arraigned on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of Frances Hodge, 16 years old, Attorney R. L. Merrick today entered a plea of not guilty. He declared he had never before seen the girl. The girl and her mother, however, today persisted in their story of the intimacy. Merrick was arrested in a court room yesterday.

he replied: "They should not interpret it that way."

"On the other hand, the order is sufficiently broad," said the officer, "to include the phrase 'Get Villa,' for the administration may regard his hands as broken up only when he himself is taken. This attitude is the official one of the White House. There is a question, too, as to whether Carranza is strong enough to relieve the American expedition and take up the task where it might leave off."

SELL MINE IN FIDDLER'S GULCH

\$175,000 Paid for Property, on Josephine Creek and 50-Ton Mill Will Be Installed by New Owners

The Black Eagle group of mining claims on Fiddler's gulch, a tributary to Josephine creek, has been purchased by a company of men from the state of Washington who will immediately develop the property. The purchase price is \$175,000, and the initial payment of \$30,000 was made yesterday when the mines were turned over to their new owners.

This property has been known locally as the Neil mine. W. S. Neil having been the head of the company that has held it. Associated with him were Dr. Dixon, Wm. Buchanan and H. A. Neil. The purchasers are a company composed of P. H. Walters, a mining man of Seattle; Parvin Wright, of the Wright Elevator company; Fred Firth, of Seattle; W. G. Swallow, manager of the Everett Paper mill at Everett, Wash., and Captain Smith, owner of the old convict ship "Success." The former owners retain a working interest in the mine, but no stock is being offered for sale.

Mr. Walters, who has been a mining man in the Spokane and British Columbia districts for many years past, and has been here representing his associates for several weeks, describes the Neil mine as "the biggest thing I have ever seen." All of the new owners have been here during the past week closing up the negotiations, and all visited the mine, coming away filled with enthusiasm and confident that the mine would soon be numbered with the great producers of the coast. A recent discovery made higher up the gulch is declared by Mr. Walters to be of almost fabulous value. He tells of a piece of ground where he has taken from 500 to 600 handfuls of dirt that gave from \$1 to \$1.50 in gold from each handful. The mine, however, is a quartz proposition, and a concentrator of 50 tons daily capacity will be erected upon it at once. This mill, of the Marks type, has already been ordered, and it is expected that it can be in operation before June 1. Men will be put at work at once getting the wagon road to the mine for the hauling of the heavy machinery as soon as it arrives. Mr. Wright will also superintend the construction of an electric plant for the supplying of light and power, the electricity to be generated by water power. Messrs. Walters, Wright and Firth will be actively engaged in the development of the mine.

Mr. Neil and his associates have held the property for the past nine years, and have done a great deal of development work, opening up the body of ore and showing it to be of value and extent. They have built trails and roads, and it is ready to become an immediate producer. Mr. Walters states that hereafter the mine will be known as the "Neil Success."

WITH GUN AS PLAYTHING,
BROTHER KILLS BROTHER

Astoria, April 8.—George Milhauser, 15 years old, wept bitterly today over the body of his brother, John, aged 13, who died last night with a 22 caliber bullet in his stomach. George was aiming at a robin when his brother, pointing a wooden gun at him playfully, shouted "Hold up your hands."

George turned suddenly, pulling the trigger as he did so. The younger lad fell.